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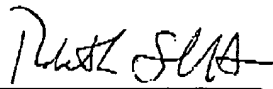
In the non-final Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of JP 2001-171570 A and JP 2000-159426; and claims 22-27 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over the '570 and '426 documents and JP 2001-097636. Claims 28 and 29 stand withdrawn.

Robert L. Showalter discussed the amendments set out above to claim 1 with Examiner Chan on February 15, 2007. Examiner Chan felt the amendments to claim 1 were sufficient to define over the prior art. However, the Examiner noted that he would need to have his SPE review the amendments prior to allowing the application.

In view of the above amendments, applicant submits that claims 1-20 and 22-30 define patentably over the applied prior art. Accordingly, it is submitted that the above referenced rejections should be withdrawn and this case allowed. Early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

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